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10 ORIENTATION--information especially likely to be needed by users of a file as a frame of reference for understanding the materials classified elsewhere; organization of the file, special coding decisions, and evaluation of the file.

Guide to the AX5 Vedda File

[The Vedda file is composed of two sources at present. It is expected that additional sources will be processed in the near future.

The Vedda are regarded as one of the most primitive culture groups of Asia. They formerly occupied most of the island of Ceylon, but have now virtually become extinct as a culture.

Nearly all the important information in this file comes from the classic study by Seligmann and Seligmann conducted in the early part of the twentieth century. The second source (2: Bailey) predates the work of Seligmann and contains some information on material culture and religion.

The file is incomplete in many respects, but information on social organization and religion and various other aspects of culture is available.]

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